

for use in high-energy physics and synchrotron radiation research.

Since its inception, SLAC has made enormous and lasting contributions to the fields of science and technology. To name but a few, the Laboratory led the development of particle accelerators that were at first used for pure research, then later developed for many practical applications including the daily use of medical accelerators in our nation's hospitals. SLAC's research in particle physics has also given scientists a new understanding of how our universe was constructed with the discovery of quarks, the smallest known components of matter. SLAC was also the first laboratory in the world to create a user facility using synchrotron radiation for research now conducted in medical science, biology, chemistry, physics, materials science and environmental science. Our nation even learned about the World Wide Web through SLAC, where the first American World Wide Web site was established.

Many of SLAC's extraordinary accomplishments and the Laboratory's high-energy physics program is made possible by SLAC's B-Factor. I'm proud to have led the successful effort in Congress to build the B-Factor at SLAC, upgrading an earlier electron-positron collider. This state-of-the-art instrument most recently helped obtain conclusive evidence of how B mesons disintegrate, giving scientists clues to the subtle difference between matter and antimatter. The B-Factor is a vital component of SLAC, making the Laboratory an internationally recognized facility, with over 3,000 scientists visiting from U.S. universities, national laboratories, private industries and foreign countries each year.

SLAC's remarkable work has been honored with three Nobel Prizes awarded to SLAC faculty professors, demonstrating the enormous contributions SLAC has made and will continue to make in science and technology. The history and achievements of SLAC have not only made it one of the leading research facilities in the world, but also one of our nation's greatest treasures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and all its scientists, researchers, faculty and staff on the occasion of its 40th anniversary celebration. We're a better, more scientifically and technologically advanced, and safer nation because of SLAC and its extraordinary accomplishments.

**ROMEO JAMES ROBINSON TURNS
90 YEARS YOUNG**

HON. STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mrs. JONES of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, today, I am pleased to recognize Romeo James Robinson for turning 90 years young. Mr. Robinson was born on September 9, 1912 in Youngstown, Ohio, and throughout his life, he achieved many great accomplishments. In 1941, he earned the bachelor's of science degree in Chemistry from Youngstown State University, and after 30 years of dedicated service, Mr. Robinson retired from Youngstown Sheet and Tool in 1968.

He has always been a beacon in his community, serving on the Organization for Protes-

tant Men, Fraternal Order of Masons, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the Deacons Board of the Third Baptist Church. Additionally, he is a lifetime member of both the National Advancement for Colored People and the Urban League.

Mr. Robinson has two children, Myron F. Robinson, who currently serves as the president of the Urban League of Greater Cleveland, and Anita Gorham, who now resides in Detroit, Michigan. He is the proud grandparent of two and boasts often of his four great-grandchildren.

Happy birthday, Mr. Robinson!

**CONGRATULATING THE LIONS
CLUB OF VAN BUREN, ARKAN-
SAS ON ITS 80TH ANNIVERSARY**

HON. JOHN BOOZMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Van Buren Lions Club for serving the Van Buren community for 80 years. I salute the dedication and leadership provided via the motto "We Serve." Having formerly been a member of the Rogers Lions Club, and having practiced optometry for 25 years, I truly value the club's accomplishments in eye care.

The legacy founded in Chicago in 1917 by Melvin Jones has grown into an organization which boasts a membership of 1.4 million. Accepting the challenge first posed by Helen Keller to become "Knights of the Blind" in the crusade against darkness, Lions have provided 3 million cataract surgeries, funded 68 eye clinics and hospitals, and have screened 6 million patients for eye disease. They also distribute 4 million pairs of eyeglasses annually in developing countries. Having personally assisted with the distribution of eyeglasses in Haiti, I can honestly say that the efforts of the Lions truly impact the lives of those less fortunate.

I encourage each member of the Van Buren Lions Club to continue the work of this valuable organization. Their contributions to the Lions Club International Foundation, which funds Leo Clubs, Youth Camps, the International Youth Exchange, and the annual consultation at the United Nations, serve to bring hope to many.

Mr. Speaker, on this historic 80th anniversary, I applaud the Van Buren Lions for their dedication to the world's largest service organization. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to recognize them.

**HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF
CALIFORNIA STATE SUPERIOR
COURT COMMISSIONER FOR ALA-
MEDA COUNTY, MICHAEL L.
KANNINEN**

HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Michael L. Kanninen on his retirement July 16, 2002, after 18 years as Court Com-

missioner of the Superior Court of California, Alameda County.

Prior to his appointment to the Superior Court, Supervisor Kanninen served as Commissioner of the Alameda County Municipal Court. When the two courts were unified in 1998, he was appointed to his current position. Presiding over criminal matters and civil cases, Commissioner Kanninen has handled arraignments, sentencing, traffic, jury trials, pretrials, and motions.

After graduating from Hastings College of Law in San Francisco in 1971 and being admitted to the state bar in 1972, Commissioner Kanninen opened a small private practice, handling a wide array of cases. In 1982 he entered the Navy Reserves Judge Advocate General Corps, reaching the rank of Captain.

This position was not Commissioner Kanninen's first experience with the Navy. After graduating from the University of Chicago with a B.A. in Political Science in 1961, Kanninen—who intended to join the foreign service—was recruited into the Navy. He served until 1966, earning a Vietnam Defense Ribbon with three stars and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

In 1996, Commissioner Kanninen was awarded the prestigious Meritorious Service Medal by President Bill Clinton for outstanding service from October 1990 through September 1995 in the Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is a member of the California Court Commissioners Association, California Judges Association, and the American Judges Association.

An active member of the community, Commissioner Kanninen sings with the Ohlone Community College Choir, and has served as president of the Second Chance Community Crisis Center, as District Chairman of the Boy Scouts of America, and as President of the Newark Chamber of Commerce.

I am honored to join the colleagues of Michael L. Kanninen in commending him for his many years of dedicated and exemplary service to his country, state, and community. His commitment to justice is an inspiration for all.

**COMMEMORATING SEPTEMBER 11,
2001 AND ON THE OCCASION OF
THE SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF
CONGRESS IN NEW YORK ON
SEPTEMBER 6, 2002**

HON. BOB GOODLATTE

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 1, 2002

Mr. GOODLATTE. Mr. Speaker, one year ago, Americans looked on in horror as the events of September 11 unfolded. At the end of the day the skyline of one of our greatest cities was forever changed, the Pentagon, a symbol of America's military might was still smoldering, and a previously indistinguishable field in western Pennsylvania had suddenly and terribly become an unmarked grave for America's newest heroes.

In the aftermath of the Challenger space disaster, when seeking to comfort a shocked and hurting country, President Reagan told us that the "The future doesn't belong to the fainthearted; it belongs to the brave." Overwhelmed by grief, and reeling from a devastation, attack, some nations would have been